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My dear Sir

Yours of the 31st Dec. came safely to hand and in due time Booths volume which I suppose you intended to announce but forgot to do so. Thanks for both.

About a week ago I started off a Box of plants for yourself, Eaton & Dr Booth, by the Bark "Col Ledyard", Capt Sutton for Boston. I intended to pay all charges at this end but the lighter left the wharf unexpectedly and I did not take Bills Lading

I offered the freight to the Consignee but he refused saying no charges would be made for it

Eaton will advise you about his packages and the one for Dr Booth I entrust to your care to send it to him

Will Dr Gray send me by letter a specimen of the Carex referred to by Dr Boott (Part II p 98, sub C. Pennsylvanica) gathered on Roan Mt. N.C. I want to settle this botheration, if possible.

I do not reply to your views of the State of Things because there is alas now no need of comparing notes

There is a strong minority in all the Southern States most bitterly opposed to all these wild schems, but we are powerless. As to myself I shall patiently wait massa until the smoke of the conflict has vanished & then try to find where the flag of my country waves (if indeed it shall wave any where) and there endeavour to find the brief repose which awaits me

Whether that will be in the North or in the west remains to be seen I do so much regret to be compelled at my age to begin life anew amidst strange faces.

Ever Yours
A. W. Chapman